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1. LE MONDE OF JUNE 26 CARRIES ARTICLE SAYING THAT RENAULT IN GOOD POSITION TO WIN LARGE ALGERIAN AUTOMOBILE TURNKEY FACTORY CONTRACT. ARTICLE IS INTERESTING BECAUSE IT FOLLOWS CLOSELY FRENCH MINISTER OF INDUSTYR, D'ORNANO'S VISIT TO ALGIERS AND FURTHER IN PAST ALGERIAN ACCUSATIONS AGAINST RENAULT FOR VIOLATING BARTER AGREEMENTS, REF A.

2. ARTICLE CITES VALUE OF CONTRACT AT 8 BILLION FRENCH FRANCS OR 2.5 BILLION DOLLARS. FIGURES OF THIS SIZE MEAN FINANCING OF PROJECT PROBABLY SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE IN WINNING CONTRACT. FRENCH MINISTER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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D'ORNANO IS CITED AS SAYING FOR SPECIAL PROJECTS,

SPECIAL CREDITS CAN BE MADE. HOWEVER, FRENCH EMBASSY SOURCE PREDICTS ALGERIANS WILL ONLY BE ABLE TO PICK UP 1 BILLION DOLLARS OF ADDITIONAL SUPPLIER CREDITS FROM ALL SOURCES DURING REST OF 1975.

3. EMBASSY HAS NOT HEARD FROM GENERAL MOTORS FOR SOME TIME, SO WE ARE NOT SURE OF THEIR CONTINUED INTEREST.

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